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QUICK END OF GOAL STRIKE PREDICTED

Fight For Life When Plant Burns EXPECT WORKERS TO ACCEPT PLAN

FIREMAN SAVES HIS COMRADE AND SELF; COE'S LOSS \$100,000

Fire which broke out at 8:33 o'clock Tuesday morning wrecked the plant of the C. E. Coe Coffee company, 589-597 South Front street, before firemen got the blaze under control, 35 minutes after the alarm was turned in. Company officials estimate the damage at \$100,000 to the building, stock and machinery. The loss is fully covered by in-

James Cozart, Traveling Man

May Die as Result of Main

Street Accident.

SLEW EASTHAM

Crime Occured.

The biaze is believed to have originated in the alcohol room of the plant, on the first floor. It was sucked up through the elevator shaft to the second and third floors so rapidly that within a few minutes the structure, inside its sheetiron walls, resembled a

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Two fireinen had a narrow escape from death when a portion of the roof sell in. R. J. Bardeau, of engine company No. 10, and Frank Smith were plying a hose line from inside on the third floor, when a corner of the roof gave away. Bardeau was dashed against Smith, throwing Smith to the floor. The falling roof then planed Bardeau atop Smith. Bardeau was able to wrench himself free of the wreckage and succeeded in hauling his companion from the blazing timbers. Examination by Police Surgeon J. R. Drake later disclosed that Bardeau had wrenched his back. He was sent home. Smith was uninjured.

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Julius Venturini, first assistant fire chief, was in charge of the fire-fighting work, Mike Fitzmorris, fire chief, belay in New York, at a fire chiefs convention. Chief Venturini was assisted by Burney O'Neal and John Moore, also assistant chiefs.

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Building, \$35,000 to \$40,000; stock, \$35,000; machinery, \$25,000. The stock consisted largely of green coffee, cans, labels, shipping cases, cleer and various extracts which the company manufactures. Only a small quantity of sugar was on hand, according to Mr. Coe. A small amount of atohol, used in flavoring extract manufacture, also composed part of the stock.

The Coe plant faced a distance of 102 feet on Front street by 144 feet in decisiony structure belonging to the Booken-Huse Ice & Coal company, and across an alleyway on the south is coated W. B. Mallory & Sons company, wholesale grocers, Neither of these buildings was damaged appreciably by the Coe fire.

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The delegates, according to Mr. Akers, the secretary, will so after the 1922 convention of the National association at the Indianapolis meeting. They expect to lay the foundation for the campaign at the coming meeting and get the convention when the next annual meeting is held in 1921.

PREACHER LOSES

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Official Figures, However, May Not Be Made Public Until January When Transmitted to County Assessors.

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The work of appraising realty in the city wards for the state board of equalization is being retarded by the storms weather, but the agents of the board hope to have the field work completed by Dec. 29. The work has only been done in four or five of the outlying wards, but the appraisers had intended dividing their force this week and may been work on the Third ward by Wednesday. That is one of the downtown wards which contains much valuable property, particularly in the blocks between Gayoso and Adams avenue, north and south, and between Third street and the river front.

It is stated in a telegram from Nashville that the appraisal in Hamilton county has been finished and that Davidson and Knox, the two remaining larger counties, will be completed probably by the close of the coming week. Statements from the appraisers at work in Knox county are similar to those made as to the probable increase in Shelby. It is said that the agents of the state board estimated that the increase in Knox county, including the city of Knoxville, will be about 200 per cent, that is, the present assessment of \$48,000,000 will be increased to about \$150,000,000. That is about the increase unofficially estimated for Shelby county. It seems that until the appraisal has been completed, approved at Nashville, and then made public by Jan. 19, by filling it with the county assessors, the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what the final figures of the tax-payer of any county will not know exactly what he public processes are unofficially estimated for shelp estatis-tician, which are public records.

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a short time, as such information will be of little value after the valuations have been fixed by the state board. The News Scimitar has endeavered to secure the figures for the counties of West Tennessee, is many of which the appraisal was completed sometime ago, but is met with the reply that the computations and tabulations are now being made and will not be in readiness for publication until sometime early in the coming year. By the 10th, these figures must be in the hands of the county assessors. Then, of course, they will be open to inspection, or at least should be.

The 96 county assessors in Tennessee are going to have some streauous sessions with taxpayers. That goes without saying. So will the members of the county equalization boards, for the law under which this appraisal is being made, practically compels the assessors to follow the state board figures. It provides that owners may protest to their assessor to their county equalization boards, but that if the valuations thus fixed, do not meet the approval of the state board, that authority can compel a revision upward. All that Mr. FixHugh, backed by

approval of the state board, that authority can compel a revision upward. All that Mr. FitzHugh, backed by the 3,500 members of the Chamber of Commerce wants, however, is to be assured that Shelby county and Memphis are getting a square deal. If that is proven by the proposed investigation, there will be no complaint from the Chamber of Commerce.

Currie-McCraw Not To Go Into Stratton Deal

Changing a recent announcement that the Currie-McCraw company, wholesale grocers, at 431-35 S. Main street, would be a part of the gigantic merger of prominent jobbing interests under the style of the Early-Stratton company, is the announcement made Tuesday that the former concern will continue in business. Allan S. Ullathorne, who was secretary and treasurer of the company, has on behalf of a number of the stockholders and others interested assumed the contract made with Leslie M. Stratton for its sale and reorganization will be effected when the regular meeting of stockholders is held early in January.

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He Who Shoots And Runs Away Wins In Hotel Craps Affray

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Don't Forget Sister; Thelma, We Will Not

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BY A. GOODFELLOW.

See the above don't you, Goodfelloward who does not want to Join this group—an honest band all possessed of a penchant of advance happiness?

My, but my mail this morphing was at huge one. And it looks like there are more bis-hearted, real honest-to-goodness Goodfellows lining up in this campaign than ever before. I have a stack of letters before rue that would do credit to Santa Claus club. Yours is the most worthy charity of all."

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"Trusting that this will aid in filling the stocking of a kiddle, probably very whose Christmas is assured, to quote you."

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Hurrah for the Character Builders' class. At one swoop this band of Good-fellows chipped in \$180. Hurrah, hurray, hurros.

Look who bobs up now: J. E. Daw-son sends word that he's a Goodfellow.

count on me for 120 natis of drift lard from the Southern Cot-oll company," is his message. Now's the time. Mail that check to The Goodfellows-Santa Claus club, The News Scimitar.



A list of the subscribers to the Goodfellows-Santa Claus club will be found on the editorial page. The amount received up to Tuesday morning was \$2,408.93.

RED CROSS ELECTION. The Memphia chapter of the Red

Cross will giest offices at 2 o disch Wednesday afternoon at 146 Court avenue. No election can occur with-out 50 members being present. Two calls have falled to bring out that Be on hand Wednesday.

REAL COLD WAVE HEADS THIS WAY

Temperature Around Ten Degrees Possible Wednesday Night-Warnings Issued.

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A severe cold wave that prebably will last for some time is indicated by weather bureau officials for Memphis and vicinity in the forecast issued. Tuesday morning. The possibility of the rainfall turning to snow by Tuesday night and a considerable drop in temperature that will doubtless be most severe on Wednesday.

The official forecast issued from the Memphis office says:

"Rain possibly turning to snow and much colder tonight; Wednesday fair and colder. Severe cold wave."

In the same forecast shippers are advised to protect their shipments for the next 24 to 35 hours against a temperature of between 10 and 15 degrees north and east; 15 to 20 degrees south and 5 to 10 degrees west. This applies with a radius of 100 miles of Memphis.

Dispatches received from Washington indicate that the cold wave which thas gripped the West has spread to the upper Mississippi valley toward the East and southward to the interior of the west gulf states. Temperatures below zero are indicated for points as far south as the Texas Panhandle and Western Oklahoma. In the Siddle West temperatures of 20 degrees below zero and more were registered.

Owing to the distribution of atmospheric pressure there is every indication that the cold weather will be prolonged, weather bureau officials declare. Cold wave warnings have been ordered for the states of Tennessee. Kentucky, west portion of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. The coldest spot on the map as reported Tuesday morning was Helena.

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Mont., with a temperatupe of 28 below
zero, while New Orleans held the record with a minimum of 14 degrees and
a maximum of 80.

NEW FUEL ORDER **WORKS HARDSHIPS** UPON INDUSTRIES of America, in session I

Lack of Anyone in Responsibility for Enforcing Order Puts Those Anxious to Observe Order in Quandary.

The new fuel restrictions again threw Memphis business concerns into confusion on account of there being no official of the fuel administration here authorized to interpret the rollings, and while practically all the business men are auxious to obey every ruling to the letter, there was considerable amony ance that the fuel administration has taken no step to provide for supplying easily accessible advice to merchants here when doubt as to the meaning of an order arises.

nonexcepted industries from 48 hours, or aix days per week, to three days, set all Memphis manufacturers affected to speculating just how they should proceed. Generally they decided they would continue to operate upon the 48-hour schedule until a ruing could be got from the regional director at Atlania.

Heads of these plants almost uniformly stated that should the Washington restriction mean the 24-hour restriction and the 24-hour r

plied with, they would have to lay off many of their employes. Thus he first unemployment to result in Memphis from the fuel consumption restrictions

The embargoes on deard freight in effect on the Frisco railroad have been modified to permit limited acceptances of southbound shipments, where such do not interfere with the movement of 50 Gallons Sherry From

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IU.S. ACTION IN MEXICAN CRISS BEING HELD UP THE PROPERTY OF THE P Local railway officials, for the most part, were decidedly optimistic Tues day morning over the prospect of an early settlement of the coal strike, but some of the local merchants are anticipating even more drastic restrictions.

After all the urgent needs of the essential industries and retail coal dealers had been met. there remained 127 cars of coal in the Memphis terminal Tuesday morning, which is about the average. It is subject to award for local use through the regional fuel committee at Atlanta. The one-third cut in passenger mileage has been completed here and there has been no changes in the passenger schedules since those apprunced Monday. Passenger and express business continues beavy, but is being handled without undue inconvenience to the public, railway officials claim.

Lowenstein's department store remained open on off for fuel until 6 n.m. Monday, but so far as could be learned the other bic cepartment store remained open on off for fuel until 6 n.m. Monday, but so far as could be learned the other bic cepartments for emailing open after 4 u.m. without

TO ACCEPT PLAN WITHIN 24 HOURS

BULLETIN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9 .- The United Mine Workers of America, in session here this afternoon, voted to accept Presi-

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—Settlement within 24 hours of the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country, which had its inception more than five weeks ago, was confidently predicted today. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the executive board and scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America were scheduled to go into session to consider a proposal made by President Wilson to John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the organization, Saturday night. The proposal was approved by the miners' officials, who received it while in conference with Attorney-General Palmer in Washington and agreed to urge the executive board to accept it as a basis for settlement of the strike. The mine workers' officials returned to Indianapolis yesterday.

fer with government attorneys, already to here, with regard to the future action to of the government in connection with criminal contempt proceedings needing against 84 international and district officials of the United Mine Workers, and with regard to proceeding with a federal grand jury investigation of the charges of violation of the Lever and antitrust laws made against both operators and miners.

The grand jury investigation yesterday was postponed until today and in an announcement Pistrict Attorney in Slack indicated this investigation might not be started today.

The hearing of contempt charges in

PUT OFF HEARINGS OF MINER OFFICERS

were named in a separate information. The miners' officials including Acting President John I. Lewis and Socretary-Treasurer William Green, of the international organisation, were charged in information flied by District Attorney

WILSON MAKES LAST APPEAL TO WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Secretary Wilson today sent a telegram to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, urging the miners to accept President Wilson's proposal for settlement of the coalindanapolis. The president Secretary Wilson said. "has pointed a way out with honor to the government and honor to yourselves."

The telegram, which was addressed also to the members of the miners scale committee, follows:

"I can not too strongly arge you to accept the hasis of settlement proposed by the president. I have been associated with him for more than six years and I know that every fiber of his strong nature has been devoted toward."

Securing fair play for everybody, and particularly the under dog in a fight. Every blow he has had to bear many of them, has been brought about by his intense carbonates in that direction. You can rely thoroughly upon every promise he makes.

"But, aside from that, as a result of the stoppage of work in the miners was failed that ever confronted the country, it threatens the very starvation of our social life. In this emergency the president has pointed a way out with honor to the government and honor to yourselves. If my judgment and experience are of any value to you, let me use them in advising you for the wilden of the under do bear many of them, has been brought about by his intense carbonates in that direction. You can rely thoroughly upon every promise he makes.

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BURGLAR STEALS

50 Gallons Sherry From Chemical Company.

mained open on oil for fuel until 6 n.m. Monday, but so far as could be isarned the other big ceparitment stores closed at 4 p.m. Most of the smaller etores have perfected arrangements for remaining open after 4 p.m. without using coal, wed or gas- for light or heat. No trainmen were laid off as a result of the cut in passenger schedules, the men finding employment on other runs.

PIGGLY WIGGLY SUED

Declaring that a special agent of the Figgly Wiggly store at Vance avenue and Lauderdale street on Nov. 22 accused him of stealing a pound of butter, showed him, struck him with a weight, shot him twice and had him locked up in the police station without eage or justification. Ed Strickland, negro. Theyday filed suit against the Piggly Wiggly corporation asking for damages in the sum of \$25,600. W. G. Cavett and H. S. Buchanan, attorneys, if filed the suit.

Strickland, who works for a packing firm, denies he sjoic the butter.

WOMAN ENDS LIFE.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Emily I Howell, aged 40, maid to be the 40,800 DRINKS phia publisher, commutes this morning by shooting. Before enating her life, Mrs. Howell shot and instantly killed her 10-year-old daughter, larqueline, as the child lay asleep in bed. The woman is said to have been demented.

THE WEATHER

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 9, 1919 Memphis. Tenn., Dec. 9, 1919.

Temperature—
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Noon today 28 38 100
Maximum temperature, 45, minimum, 41, sun sets today 4,48; sun rises temorrow 6,57, room rises 7,41 tonight.

Prespitation, 16 inches.

Tennessee-Rain, possibly turning to snow, much colder, followed by clear-ing weather and severe cold wave. Mississippi-Rain and much colder,

Arkansas—Generally fair, severe cold wave: temperature 2 to 10 degrees in north and 8 to 16 in south. Alahama-Rain and much colder, se-Kentucky-Rain turning to snow, nuch colder, severe cold wave.

Louisiann-Cloudy, rain in southeast; such colder with severe cold wave, reexing to coast. Oklahoma—Fair, colder in southeast; temperature \$ below to zero in north, zero to \$ above in south.

East Texas—Fair, severe cold wave in south and east, freezing to coast, temperature zero to 18 degrees in north, 18 to 28 in south, hard freeze in sugar and trucking region. West Texas Fair, severe cold wave in south, with temperature of from 12 below zero to 8 above in north and 10 to 20 above in south.

North and South Carolina, Florida-Rain, much colder.

George-Rain, much colder with se-Kansas-Fair, slightly colder in east.

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